

## Evening Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

### *¶ Introduction*

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

**All Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the**

**kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

O Lord, open thou our lips

**All and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**All O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**All as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**All The Lord's name be praised.**

### *Hymn*

1.

O strength and stay upholding all creation,  
Who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,  
Yet day by day the light in due gradation  
From hour to hour through all its changes guide;

2.

Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,  
An eve untouched by shadows of decay,  
The brightness of a holy death-bed blending  
With dawning glories of th'eternal day.

3.

Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,  
Through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,  
Who with the Holy Ghost by all things living  
Now and to endless ages art adored.

### **Psalm 148. Laudate Dominum.**

**O PRAISE the LORD from the heavens: \* praise him in the heights.**

**2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: \* praise him, all his host.**

**3 Praise him, sun and moon: \* praise him, all ye stars and light.**

**4 Praise him, all ye heavens, \* and ye waters that are above the heavens.**

**5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD: \* for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.**

**6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: \* he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.**

**7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \* ye dragons and all deeps;**

**8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours, \* wind and storm, fulfilling his word;**

**9 Mountains and all hills; \* fruitful trees and all cedars;**

**10 Beasts and all cattle; \* creeping things and flying fowls;**

**11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples; \* princes, and all judges of the world;**

**12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the LORD: \* for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.**  
**13 He shall exalt the horn of his people: all his saints shall praise him; \* even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 19*

And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

<sup>3</sup> And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

<sup>4</sup> It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

<sup>5</sup> So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup> And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

<sup>7</sup> Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

<sup>8</sup> So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

<sup>9</sup> And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,

<sup>10</sup> Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

<sup>11</sup> Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?

<sup>12</sup> Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar?

<sup>13</sup> Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

<sup>14</sup> And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

<sup>16</sup> LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

<sup>17</sup> Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

<sup>18</sup> And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

<sup>19</sup> Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.

<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

<sup>21</sup> This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

<sup>22</sup> Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>23</sup> By thy messengers thou hast reproached the LORD, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the

lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel.

<sup>24</sup> I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

<sup>25</sup> Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

<sup>27</sup> But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

<sup>28</sup> Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

<sup>29</sup> And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

<sup>30</sup> And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

<sup>31</sup> For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

<sup>32</sup> Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

<sup>33</sup> By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

<sup>34</sup> For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

<sup>35</sup> And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

<sup>36</sup> So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

<sup>37</sup> And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

### *Magnificat*

**1 My soul doth magnify the Lord : \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

**2 For he hath regarded : \*the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

**3 For behold, from henceforth : \* all generations shall call me blessed.**

**4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me : \* and holy is his Name.**

**5 And his mercy is on them that fear him : \* throughout all generations.**

**6 He hath shewed strength with his arm : \* he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

**7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat : \* and hath exalted the humble and meek.**

**8 He hath filled the hungry with good things: \* and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

**9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : \* as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : \* and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : \* world without end. Amen.**

### *New Testament Reading* Matthew 18:15-35

King James Version

<sup>15</sup> Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

<sup>16</sup> But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

<sup>17</sup> And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

<sup>18</sup> Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

<sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

<sup>21</sup> Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

<sup>22</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

<sup>24</sup> And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

<sup>25</sup> But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

<sup>26</sup> The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

<sup>27</sup> Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup> But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

<sup>29</sup> And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

<sup>30</sup> And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

<sup>31</sup> So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

<sup>32</sup> Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

<sup>33</sup> Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

<sup>34</sup> And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

<sup>35</sup> So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

#### *Nunc dimittis*

**1 Lord, now letteth thou thy servant depart in peace : \*according to thy word.**

**2 For mine eyes have seen : \* thy salvation;**

**3 Which thou hast prepared : \* before the face of all people;**

**4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : \* and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : \*and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : \* world without end. Amen.**

#### *The Apostles' Creed*

**All I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### *Prayers*

The Lord be with you.

**All And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**All And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

**All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

**All And make thy chosen people joyful.** O Lord, save thy people.

**All And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**All Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

#### *The Collect of the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

#### *The Collect for Peace*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

#### *The Collect for Aid against all Perils*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

#### *Homily*

#### *Prayers*

#### *The Grace*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen**

## *Hymn*

- 1 Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth,  
who choosest for thine the meek and the poor;  
to frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,  
entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;
- 2 Those vessels soon fail, though full of thy light,  
and at thy decree are broken and gone;  
thence brightly appeareth thy truth in its might,  
as through the clouds riven the lightnings have shone.
- 3 Like clouds are they borne to do thy great will,  
and swift as the winds about the world go:  
the Word with his wisdom their spirits doth fill;  
they thunder, they lighten, the waters o'erflow.
- 4 Their sound goeth forth, 'Christ Jesus the Lord!'  
then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall;  
as when the dread trumpets went forth at thy word,  
and one long blast shattered the Canaanite's wall.
- 5 O loud be their trump, and stirring their sound,  
to rouse us, O Lord, from slumber of sin:  
the lights thou hast kindled in darkness around,  
O may they awaken our spirits within.
- 6 All honour and praise, dominion and might,  
to God, Three in One, eternally be,  
who round us hath shed his own marvellous light,  
and called us from darkness his glory to see.

## *The Blessing*